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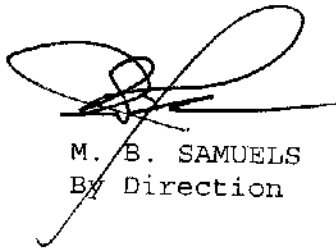
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From: Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Europe
To: Commander, Iceland Defense Force, Keflavik
Subj: RETURN OF NATO FUEL DEPOT AT HVALFJORDUR (WHALE BAY),
ICELAND, ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS
Ref: (a) DoD Instruction 4715.8, Environmental Remediation
for DOD Activities Overseas, of 10 Dec 98
Encl: (1) NAS Keflavik ltr 5090 Ser 60/302 of 24 Oct 02
(2) U.S. Naval Hospital Keflavik ltr 5103 Ser 043/
00590 of 22 Oct 02

1. Per enclosure (1) we have reviewed the Environmental Condition Report (ECR) for Hvalfjordur (Whale Bay) Fuel Facility of Sep 02 as provided in enclosure (1). The ECR documents site environmental conditions in support of the proposed return of the Whale Bay site. Our review indicated there are no known conditions resulting in imminent and substantial endangerment to human health and safety at the site and therefore no remediation is necessary per reference (a). This determination is supported by the U.S. Naval Hospital Keflavik's review of the ECR as documented in enclosure (2).

2. We recommend a full disclosure of existing environmental conditions as documented in the ECR prior to the property transfer. If during your negotiations Icelandic authorities request remediation or other environmental measures, we request you consult NAS Keflavik and COMUSNAVEUR before agreeing to their request. Per reference (a) no DoD funding shall be expended on remediation once the property has been returned unless a remediation plan is approved prior to the return.

3. Please contact Mr. Dan Hayes at DSN 235-4653 or e-mail at cneN44E@naveur.navy.mil if you have any questions regarding this matter.



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